

Remarks

Claim 26 has been amended to indicate its status in the claim listing.

Re-examination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

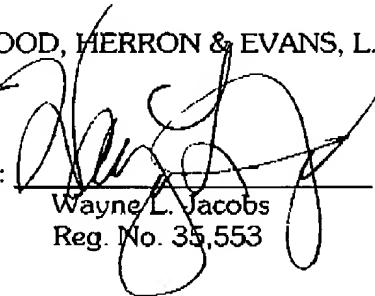
In view of the above it is submitted that this application is now completely in a condition for allowance. Re-examination of the application is respectfully requested, and an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

WOOD, MERRON & EVANS, L.L.P.

By:

Wayne L. Jacobs
Reg. No. 35,553



2700 Carew Tower
441 Vine Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202
Phone: (513) 241-2324
Fax: (513) 421-7269